

addresses the subject matter of claim 2 as being allowable if rewritten, Applicant respectfully believes that the listing of claim 2 as a rejected claim in the Office Action Summary is in fact a typographical error.

Based upon the indication of Section 6 of the Office Action, Applicant has cancelled claims 2 and 13 and provided the limitations of such claims into their respective independent claims. Thus, Applicant respectfully believes that claims 1 and 12 are now allowable. Moreover, since claims 3-11 and 14-16 depend from allowable independent claims, it is respectfully believed that those claims are allowable as well.

Section 4 of the Office Action indicated that claims 17 and 18, among others, were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Jean et al. ('791) in view of Schaefer ('006) and Kielb et al. ('975). Claims 17 and 18, the only remaining rejected claims, are cancelled with this Amendment.

In conclusion, Applicant respectfully believes that the entire application is now in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and favorable action are respectfully requested.

The Director is authorized to charge any fee deficiency required by this paper or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-1123.

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